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PARLIAMENT CONSIDERS DISPOSAL U.S. SURPLUSES

**Anxious House
Told Canada Is
Kept Informed**

**Our Views Asked, Minister
Tells Commons, in Course
of Review**

UNAWARE OF JAPAN PLAN

**Not Clear if Wheat to Be
Given — "Business of
U.S. Government"**

By M. McDougall, Press Gallery
Leader Correspondent

OTTAWA, March 17th — A great deal of interest and some concern are naturally felt when any reports are heard relating to the disposal of surplus farm products by the United States. A question was quite recently asked in the House of Commons about a newspaper dispatch from the United States which said the government of that country was endeavoring to dispose of about \$20 million worth of wheat to Spain by providing funds for defence purposes, and that the U.S. was considering sales of wheat for local currencies.

The minister of trade and commerce, Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, reminded the house that the U.S. has a billion dollars allocated for disposing of surplus products. To date, he pointed out, whenever wheat or barley or other staples were concerned, the U.S. has asked Canada its views before any steps were taken.

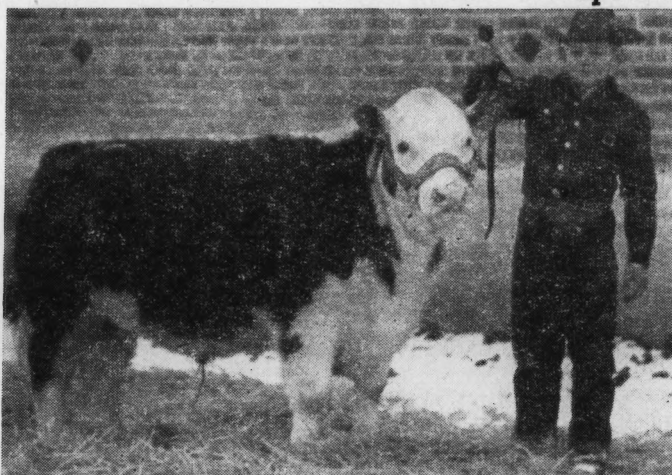
"Proper Use of Funds"

"I think we have discussed only two projects with them, one for Formosa and another for Yugoslavia," said the Minister. "In both these cases we took the view a gift of wheat was a proper use of such funds." There has been no communication in relation to Spain. No disposal agreements in which wheat and other staples were involved have been made by the U.S. without prior consultation with Canada.

This country is not giving consideration to selling Canadian wheat for local currencies, Mr. Howe said, giving the further information that India will not this year be taking up its wheat quota under the wheat agreement, but he explained that there is no significance in this beyond the simple fact that India has a heavy

Calgary Bull Sale Does Job for All Cattlemen

Youthful Stockman Wins Grand Championship



The grand champion of the Baby Beef and Fat Stock section of the Calgary Bull Sale was shown by Gerald Bull, aged ten, of Midnapore, with this smooth Hereford. It was sold at 87½ cents to T. Eaton Company, Ltd.

crop itself this year and will not need any grain from the outside.

Of Concern to Canada

It is naturally a matter of concern to Canada how the U.S. will handle the disposal of its heavy surplus of farm products, built up through its measures of price support. This refers of course to products, such as the staple ones, wheat and other grains. Whether or not the U.S. is giving 500,000 tons of wheat to Japan is not yet clear. Answering a question in the house, Mr. Howe said, "I am not aware that it is intended to

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**Sets Price of
Bulls for Year,
Western Canada**

**Verdict of Buyers Is Given
for Aberdeen - Angus
and Shorthorns**

LOSES NONE OF INTEREST

**Comparison of Purebred and
Commercial Declines Sug-
gests Better Times**

By LORNE STOUT

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CALGARY'S 54th Annual Bull Sale, although split into two parts for 1954, still does a single job for all cattlemen in the West. It sets the price of bulls for the year, and the verdict of the buyers has been given for the Aberdeen-Angus and Shorthorns.

Forecasts Better Times

Through the first week of the sale, 148 Angus sold for an average of \$378.34, 15 per cent below the previous year, and 157 Shorthorns sold at an average of 432.04, down almost exactly 10 per cent from 1953. Actually while prices are lower, they would seem to forecast better times for stockmen, for the drop in the purebreds had averaged so far less than

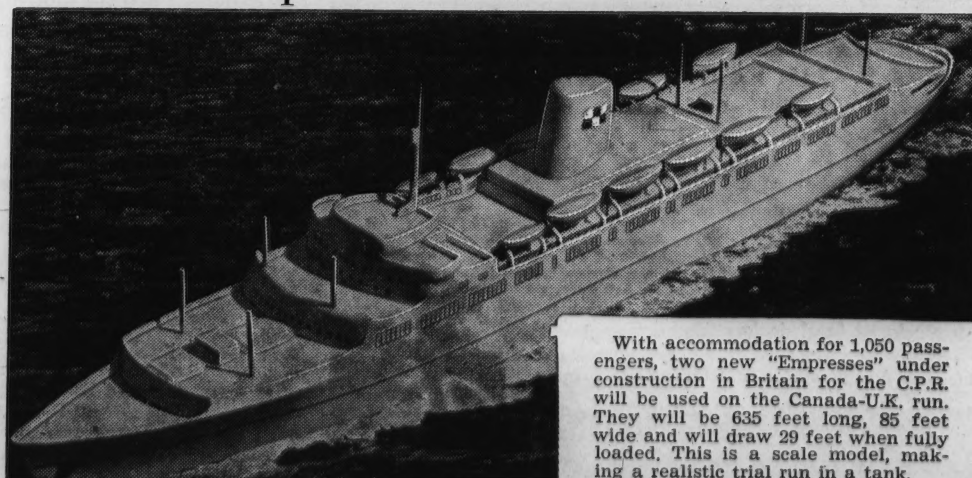
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Big Gap Between U.K. Sales and Purchases

Britain sold Canada last year goods to the value of \$37.6 millions per month on the average, and bought from Canada an average of \$71 millions monthly. The gap was somewhat less, however, than in the previous year.

Canada's total production of goods and services reached a new high peak of \$24,242 millions during 1953.

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The first column indicates the year you first shipped goods to us, which in the case of new members will be 1953. The second column denotes the year by letter for office purposes. The third column shows the total dollar value of the goods you shipped to us during the year indicated. For instance, if you shipped \$500 worth of cream, \$250 worth of poultry and \$250 worth of eggs, the total dollar value of your shipments would be \$1,000, which you received in cash.

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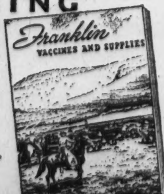
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the credit column as \$22.50. Each year John earned more credits, and the final entry for 1953 shows that John has now \$196.70 to his credit.

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Reasons for Directors' Decision

The time that we retain this money is decided by the directors and determined by business conditions. Under normal business conditions we would have redeemed in cash

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Central Alberta Dairy Pool Meetings

It has been our custom for a number of years to hold meetings in various parts of the territory served by the Central Alberta Dairy Pool. The meetings take the form of a film showing, and a speaker, with ample opportunity for a question period. It is in this way we can keep in touch with our members, and pass on any information they may require regarding our organization.

Recent meetings were held at the following places: Sunnyside School, Alix, Caroline, Bingley, Dovercourt, Alhambra.

Meetings coming up are: Breton, March 23rd, at 8 o'clock; Winfield, March 24th, at 8 o'clock; Buck Lake, March 25th, at 8 o'clock; Liberal School, Stettler, April 7th, at 8 o'clock.

Plan to attend the meeting nearest you.

You will be glad you did.

Take the children too — there is a film especially for them.

was reduced to 2.3 per cent. 1953 was a very satisfactory year for us from an operational standpoint, but it was also a year of very heavy expense as regards our building and rehabilitation program.

To be consistently successful, any business must keep its house in good order and we believe that the money we are spending now for this purpose will prove to be a wise investment.

IMPORTANT POINT TO BEAR IN MIND

However, there is one important point to be borne in mind, and that is, you have already received the full market price for your produce when it was delivered, with no deductions. Had you delivered your produce outside your organization, you would have received no higher price, but the transaction would have been final. Your produce earns those extra dollars when you patronize your own organization.

Just one more thought. Your credit account is like a banking account—you cannot draw anything out before you've put something in. Drop in and talk with your branch manager. He

will be glad to explain anything that you are not clear about in connection with your membership.

A.F.A. NOTES

By JAMES R. McFALL, Secretary

Hog Marketing — At the Western Agricultural Conference held in Winnipeg in January, the question of hog marketing — the need and desire for, and practicability of a Hog Marketing Board — was considered.

The conference did not make any decisions or commitments at this time, but appointed a committee to make further studies. This committee, following studies and observations of board marketing of hogs in eastern Canada, met at Saskatoon for further discussions on February 26th.

To carry these studies still further, and to determine wider farm organization opinion, a general meeting of the W.A.C. has been arranged for March 22nd at Saskatoon. All member organizations of the Federations in the prairie provinces are invited to send representation. The Alberta members on the W.A.C. hog committee are Roy Marler, president of the Federation, and Charlie Hayes, president of the Alberta Livestock Co-operative.

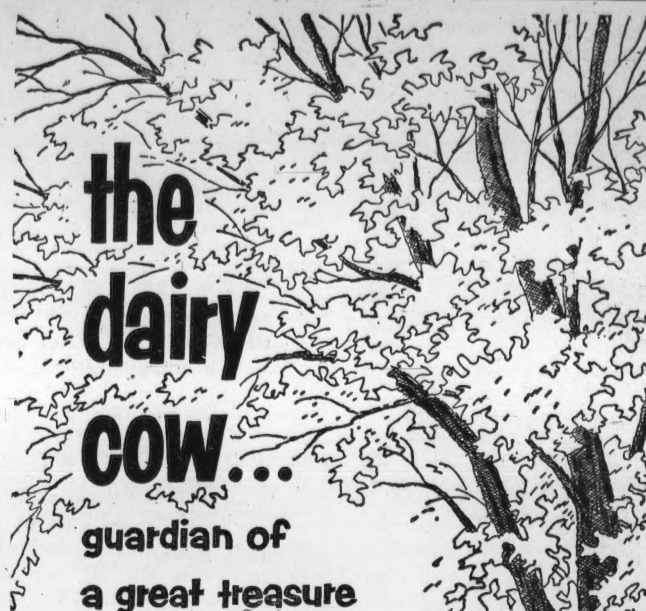
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Income Tax Recommendations—At this time one cannot stress too strongly the importance of careful and complete farm business records and the saving of all receipts and records over an extended period of years.

It is indeed evident that the policy of the Income Tax Department is to ask for such records from time to time for the purpose of what is called a routine check. This practice applies to all types of business. When records are not sufficiently complete, a net worth statement may be required.

If the farm records are not complete, the compiling of such a statement can be a difficult and arduous task. At the same time it may be inaccurate to the extent that the end result will work a decided hardship on the taxpayer.

Income tax officials are on rec-



Any day now those driving through the country will discover that the great annual miracle—the coming of Spring—is being repeated. The good earth which has remained dormant all winter, subject only to the work of Nature's greatest cultivator—frost—now awakes and is ready to co-operate with man to bring forth food for all peoples. We may well pause and give thanks that our soil is fertile and life-sustaining, and hope that it so remains, for a nation's soil is its life-blood.

Nothing is more important to conserving the fertility of our soil than the feeding and keeping of cattle. Wherever we find hay and pasture, we are seeing a protective soil cover which retains life-giving moisture and prevents erosion. The extensive fields given to grain and other crops for cattle feeds have an invaluable place in crop rotations that help to conserve fertility. The manure produced by the cattle returns a vast quantity of organic matter to the land—an incalculable contribution to soil fertility.

Dairy cows are kept on 73 per cent of Canada's farms. In supplying the nation's needs of dairy foods, they provide income for one of every six Canadians. Thus, our dairy cattle are important both as producers of vital foods and conservators of our natural resources.



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ord as stating that all farm accounts over a period of years will be subject to this routine check and net worth statements if necessary. This fact makes it imperative that all records of farm business be carefully preserved.

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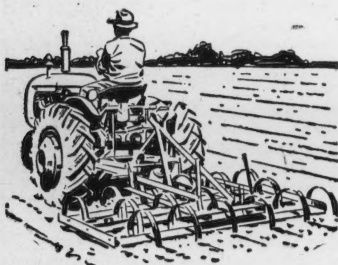
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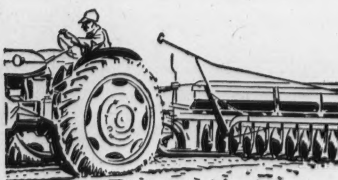


"So much to do and so little time" sums up the farmers' feelings in the Spring, when they are trying to get their seeding done. If tillage equipment is not in good working order, costly delays and mounting repair bills may result.



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PROGRESS IN UNDERSTANDING

No detailed account of the proceedings at the meeting of the joint Canada-United States economic commission just concluded in Washington is available as we go to press; but it has been announced in a brief bulletin that "an understanding on the problem of handling food surpluses was reached".

This is an encouraging announcement as far as it goes. The optimism it inspires is necessarily cautious, for, as was made clear in extensive articles in our last issue, the difficulties in the way of effective co-ordination of policies are stubborn. If the representatives of Canadian and United States governments have in fact been able to extend the field of co-operation in marketing policies, the benefits to producers may be substantial.

Mr. Howe's statement in the house of commons before the meeting of the economic commission, was in many respects reassuring, though a number of points have remained to be cleared up.

In any event, the effort made at Washington last week was worth making. It set a useful precedent, as did the conference of thirty leaders of the farm movements of Canada and the United States held some two weeks previously.

It is perhaps too much to hope for extensive gains at once. It is gratifying that at least further progress has been made in "understanding".

CANDOR FROM A FRIEND

In his address to the National Press Club in New York last week-end, warning that the "new look" in United States foreign policy has caused concern abroad, Hon. Lester Pearson spoke with frankness and with clarity.

He spoke for Canada, but what he said will be echoed in Europe and in Asia. It has already brought a statement from Mr. Dulles which is in a measure reassuring. The "new look" has become rather less frightening than it was a week ago.

A factor in determining the attitude of Canadians to things American, Mr. Pearson said, "is the feeling that our destiny, so soon after we achieved national independence from colonial status, may be determined, not by ourselves, but across our border, by means and at places not of our own choosing, to adapt a famous phrase".

What Pearson forthrightly proclaimed, Churchill has intimated more subtly, and the French have been suggesting unofficially since January, when the much quoted speech of the U.S. Secretary of State was delivered. No more than Canada do these other allies wish to be committed, without consultation, upon major issues of peace or war.

But what the chief allies of the United States in Europe and elsewhere were restrained from saying openly our minister of external affairs was happily in a position to say with complete candor by reason of our special position as a North American nation and a disinterested friend.

Mr. Pearson's speech in New York has raised his stature alike in Canada and overseas.

One other note. We can feel assured that Mr. Pearson's speech would not have been delivered if the

ALTERNATIVE

(Reprinted)

If war once more its barriers should breach,
Unleashing furies undeterred by space,
To ravage and destroy, beyond the reach
Of man would lie salvation for his race.
The ages of his toil would be as nought;
The bloody footprints marking his long climb
Would all be washed away, the peaks he sought
Be smothered in the creeping mists of time.

'Tis not too late for man to lay aside
The ruthless tools that shape his own defeat,
And bridge the shallow chasms that divide
One nation from another, and so cheat
War of the final triumph that would strike
With dreadful doom at friend and foe alike.

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

Canadian government had believed that normal diplomatic exchanges would suffice.

There have been signs that the U.S. government itself has been under pressures, within the ranks of the Republican party, which are hard to resist. An authentic Canadian voice has given a warning which will have been heard throughout the United States and beyond. The speech may in fact have been welcomed by responsible, if sometimes wavering, statesmen in Washington.

MCCARTHYISM

Critics of McCarthyism complain, not that it refuses to "treat traitors like gentlemen," but that whenever it appears that a political purpose may be served thereby, it does not hesitate to treat gentlemen like traitors.

Even though Senator McCarthy and Mr. Cohn are (for the moment at least), under a cloud, we presume the member of the team on kitchen fatigue obeys the corporal's injunction to "rise and shine".

MR. ST. LAURENT'S ASIAN VISIT (Ottawa Citizen)

It is already possible to assess the impact made by Mr. St. Laurent on the countries he has visited, especially on the Commonwealth nations of South-East Asia. The Prime Minister has re-affirmed Canada's regard for, and interest in, Asia. And his own personality is so well suited to Canada's attitude of unconscious equality that it has undoubtedly been an important factor in the success of his trip.

Mr. St. Laurent's undiplomatic but candid remarks concerning United States military aid to Pakistan, made at a press conference in India, are illustrative. The Prime Minister said he favored the U.S. move, although, of course, he knew his view would be unpopular with Indians. Yet his audience applauded him after the meeting — a rare event at an Indian press conference. The reason is clear. Even if the Indians thought him mistaken, his candor made his friendship for their country the more transparent. For friendship cannot be based on doubletalk and deceit, but on forthrightness and trust.

Friendship between Canada and Asia is good if only because of the opportunities it may open up for trade and mutual defence. But more important, friendship is good simply for its own sake, because of the essential brotherhood of men. Gracious little acts performed by Mr. St. Laurent during his trip indicate his innate community of interest; his hosts everywhere seemed to feel it. In Italy he searched for a photographer who had been jostled by police, while trying to take a picture of the Canadian leader, with the words, "where is that poor fellow?" In India he employed the Hindu greeting, and in Pakistan he removed his shoes when entering a mosque. But at no time was he theatrical. He did these things because they were proper and natural at the time. Mr. St. Laurent has evidently learned much during his Asian tour, and has himself appeared as a man of good will and simplicity. The trip has been well worth while.

Three Red Shorthorns Like Peas in a Pod



Popular picture in the Shorthorn judging was the P. J. Rock Award for the best three bulls, won by A. R. "Sandy" Cross of Midnapore. His three Red Shorthorns, seen above, were like peas-in-a-pod.

CALGARY BULL SALE (from Page 1) half of the 25 per cent cut in commercial cattle prices from last Spring in Canada, and the 35 per cent drop in the United States.

Concrete evidence was given at the Calgary Bull Sale that the event lost none of its interest, for spectators filled the Pavilion for the judging and sale of both breeds from Monday evening until Wednesday, and even larger crowds were on hand for Thursday's Baby Beef and Fat Stock Show and Sale.

North Wins Breed Championships

Northern Alberta won both breed championships, Old Hermitage Farms of H. R. Milner, had the Grand Champion Aberdeen-Angus with **Eileenmere of Old Hermitage 7th**, while Wm. Melnyk & Sons of Chipman had the Shorthorn Grand Champion, with **Melbar Max Imminent**.

T. G. Hamilton of Innisfail had the Senior and Reserve Shorthorn Champion, Peter Melnyk of Chipman the Junior Reserve, and E. J. C. Boake Estate the Senior Reserve.

Highland Wins Junior and Reserve

In the Angus, Highland Stock Farms of Calgary had the Junior and Reserve Grand Champion, Old Hermitage the Reserve Junior, and Highland the Reserve Senior. Old Hermitage also had the best three Angus and best pair of bulls, with Highland second on both classes.

In the Shorthorns, winners were spread among more breeders. A. R. "Sandy" Cross of Midnapore had the champion group of three bulls, with T. G. Hamilton second and Wm. Melnyk third. Hamilton won the best pair, with Cross second and Hamilton third. Mr. Cross won the P. J. Rock Trophy.

Lou Pearce of Creston, Illinois was the judge of the Shorthorns, James Kiloh of Hamiota, Manitoba of the Angus.

In the sale of Aberdeen-Angus on

Tuesday, auctioneers found the bidding slow, but the champions and better bulls brought good prices. The Grand Champion from Old Hermitage sold at the highest price of the day, \$1,975, to Meadow Valley Angus Farm, Alfred Menke of Saco, Montana. The junior reserve champion from the same herd went to Mrs. Leask and Sons, Madden at \$600, while J. K. LaFrance of St. Paul, Alberta paid \$925 for an Old Hermitage 3rd place bull.

Highland Stock Farms Reserve Grand Champion sold at \$1,000 to H. C. Richardson of Bowden, while another of the Matthew blacks brought \$1,200, selling to E. P. Berg and Sons, Millicent. W. L. McGillivray of Coaldale had the only other sale above the nine hundred mark, getting \$925 for a 4th place bull, with C. K. Armitstead of Onoway the buyer. Roy Ballhorn of Wetaskiwin sold one at \$900 to P. Korschuk of Cluny.

Shorthorn Champion Brings \$2,300

The champion from Wm. Melnyk & Sons also topped the Shorthorn Sale, with W. N. Graburn of Calgary and Okotoks buyer at \$2,300. Peter Melnyk's Reserve Junior Champion sold second high at \$1,750 to the University of Saskatchewan. T. G. Hamilton's Reserve Champion went at \$1,400 to Hugh L. Sharpe of Lacombe. Boake's Reserve Senior went at \$700 to John McKenzie of Three Hills. Dahmand Sons of Rockyford had the 4th high price with \$1,150, with N. D. Latimer of Bowden the buyer.

Two other Shorthorns exceeded the thousand mark — both from Sandy Cross' champion group. One brought \$1,050, going to W. C. Wells of Baldwin, another \$1,000, with H. S. Stewart of Crossfield the bidder and the third at \$750 to Wm. Swanson of Roselynn.

Calgary Fat Stock Show

Young Gerald Bull of Midnapore had the Grand Champion out of 82 steers and heifers shown in the Baby Beef and Open classes of the Fat Stock Show in Calgary, his 700 pound Hereford selling to the T. Eaton Co. at 87½ cents a pound, about \$595. Richard Y. Secord of Winterburn had the Open Champion, and Reserve Grand Champion, and it sold to Safeway Stores at 40 cents. It was cross-bred Shorthorn and Hereford, Jackie Yorgason of Claresholm, with a roan Shorthorn had the Junior Reserve Champion, sold to Safeway at 50 cents a pound.

Robert McBride of Benalto had the winning Angus steer, bought by Burns & Co. at 30 cents a pound. In the junior events, Elaine Hughes of High River had second in the Herefords, Erwin Yule of Gleichen was second in the Shorthorns and Lindsay Matthews of Pirmez Creek took second in the Angus. In the Open, Charles Asplund of Lethbridge had the Reserve Champion, Frank Radu of Bowden had the winning steer in the third class. In all 35 tons of beef sold for \$17,721, an average of 25.09 cents a pound.

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OTTAWA LETTER

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give 500,000 tons of wheat to Japan. In the second place, that would seem to be the business of the United States government regarding which that government would not welcome protests from other countries.

What of course is expected is that the United States will avoid to the greatest possible extent, damaging the markets in its efforts to get rid of unwieldy surpluses.

Livestock Markets Disappointing

The livestock markets have been a little disappointing in the past week (that ending Thursday, March 11th). The class of cattle appearing for sale during the week have been below normal in quality. The price has been from ½ to 1 cent lower. The price of hogs has varied up and down, but the ruling price over a period has been good.

Marketing of heavy cattle in number has run about 17 per cent over the same period last year. Hogs, on the other hand, have been down about 16 per cent. Figures for grade A hogs last year showed the smallest percentage attained for years. The truth, of course, is that feed was cheap, and many producers held their hogs as long as possible so that the weight would be increased and they would get more for their hogs because of this increased weight, even if the category were lower.

It is earnestly hoped that the quality of hogs appearing on the market next fall will retrieve the position that Canadian pork previously held when we were exporting Wiltshire sides to Britain.

Recommended Wheat Varieties for 1954

LACOMBE—Chinook, Rescue, Saunders and Thatcher are recommended varieties of Hard Red Spring Wheat for Alberta for 1954. A. D. McFadden, of the Experimental Station here, says that Chinook and Rescue are sawfly resistant varieties. Rescue is somewhat inferior in milling and baking qualities and is not eligible for grades higher than 3 Northern. Tests have shown that Chinook, Rescue and Thatcher are quite similar in maturity, while Saunders averages from 2 to 5 days earlier. Saunders has slightly better lodging resistance than Thatcher, while Chinook and Rescue have proved susceptible to lodging when grown in areas with moderate to high rainfall. Given low rainfall, Chinook has given better bushel weight of threshed grain than Rescue or Thatcher.

In the southern part of the brown soil zone, Chinook and Rescue have compared favorably with Thatcher in yield, but proceeding northwards the yields of Chinook and Rescue became progressively lower. Tests in the northern half of the brown soil zone and the black soil zones of Central Alberta showed average yields as follows: Chinook 35.6, Rescue 39.9 and Thatcher 43.6. Saunders, with its earlier maturity, might be grown in preference to Thatcher in the black and grey soil zones.

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ANCASTER, Ont. — An anti-thyroid compound that could have important uses in the livestock industry has been developed by scientists of McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario. Two of the more obvious uses, stated Dr. G. A. Thode to a livestock meeting here, were in reducing nervousness in highly sensitive animals and controlling the growth and fattening processes in steers.

50,000 STRONG

The Alberta Wheat Pool consists of far more than 50,000 country elevators, 2 huge terminals, a head office in Calgary and several branch offices. These are just the physical assets.

The Alberta Wheat Pool is really an organization of over 50,000 farmers who have joined together for their common welfare. They have formed the Wheat Pool to protect their grain marketing interests and to provide themselves with better grain handling service at the lowest possible cost.

The Alberta Wheat Pool is a farmer's co-operative whose sole reason for existence is to serve the need of grain producers. Its record over the years would suggest that it should have the backing of every grain producer in Alberta.

ALBERTA WHEAT POOL

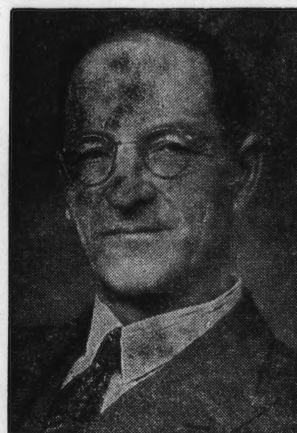
Hope for Egg Marketing Board Is Seen in Growth of Farmer Opinion

HOPE that the expression by increasing numbers of farm people of their desire for the setting up of a province-wide egg marketing board may lead the Alberta legislature to view with favor plans to this end, was expressed by K. V. Kapler, president of Alberta Poultry Producers Ltd., in the report which he presented for the board of directors to the annual meeting of the organization. The meeting was held in Calgary on March 3rd and 4th.

To Limit Fluctuation

"As a means of avoiding wide fluctuations in the prices for eggs, your directors have consistently advocated the setting up of a Provincial Egg Marketing Board," said Mr. Kapler, "in the belief that such a board could bring about a maximum consumption of eggs at prices which would be more beneficial to both the consumer and producer. It would also, by co-ordination of surplus, offer assurance of quantity, quality and continuity of supply, thereby gaining and holding export market outlets which would relieve pressure of surplus on home markets.

"So far, the provincial government has not seen fit to enact legislation which would enable the setting up of producer marketing boards in Alberta,



President K. V. KAPLER reports on successful year.

but it is hoped that, as farmer opinion becomes more pronounced, the members of the legislature will look more favorably upon this method of stabilizing prices for farm products which has proven so successful in other provinces and countries."

Year's Operations Successful

The board report, and the report in which the general manager, J. I. Wright, dealt in great detail with the business record of the association, indicated that the operations during the last financial year (ending January 2nd, 1954) had been a most successful one in all departments.

Completing in the board report his survey of this record of achievement, in which dividends paid to patrons and redemption of reserves demonstrated the value of the monetary rewards which the producers through the organization they own and control had won for themselves, and the strong financial position of their organization, Mr. Kapler believed this was not the most important result.

"The most important contribution we have made was in educating our members in the co-operative method of doing business. We all know that a co-operative will succeed in proportion to the co-operative knowledge and understanding of its members.

Six Years' Results

"During the last six years we have increased our reserves for contingencies by over \$179,000.00 besides increasing our reserve for depreciation by \$388,000.00. During that period we have also increased the value of our fixed assets by \$425,000.00 and at the same time have paid final payments to members amounting to \$782,000.00. In addition to these final payments, during the last six years we have also redeemed Reserve Share Certificates amounting to \$230,000.00 and at the same time our outstanding Reserve Share Certificates held by members only show a net increase of

Canadian Co-operators to Hold 45th Congress

WINNIPEG — The ten provinces will be represented at the 45th annual Canadian Co-operative Congress, to be held at the Fort Garry Hotel here, March 27th to April 2nd. The annual meeting of the Co-operative Union of Canada will take place March 30th to April 1st. A Television Workshop and showing of new co-op films will be features of the gathering.

\$105,000.00".

Although there was a reduction in egg production during 1953, there was a small increase in egg volume handled by the organization. In the dominion as a whole the decrease in production, coupled with the increase in Canada's population, resulted in higher prices, and, as a result, eggs were stored at well above support price levels and poultry prices increased accordingly.

A surprising feature of the year was the big decrease in turkey production as compared with 1952.

Final Payments Authorized

Final payments have been authorized totalling \$121,338, of which \$47,215 (on poultry operations) has been in cash, and the rest in reserve share certificates. It had been decided to distribute more of the final payments this year in reserve share certificates, the report explained, to provide sufficient cash for the redemption of the "E" series of reserve share certificates, and to provide for replacements of equipment and other capital expenditures. Since the association commenced operations, final payments to members had totalled \$1,762,169, over \$1,000,000 in cash.

Share Certificates Redeemed

In addition to the "E" series, the "HE" series of reserve share certificates were redeemed. These totalled over \$44,000; the total of redemptions for the past four years was \$229,795.

Capital expenditures amounting to some \$41,000 had been authorized during the year. New egg grading stations were built at Medicine Hat, Innisfree and Didsbury, at a cost of \$19,000. Extensive alterations were made to the main Edmonton plant, and to the Strome, Barrhead, Calmar and South Edmonton branches, and egg grading stations at Heisler and Strome were purchased. Additional equipment, also, was bought.

Egg-Drying Plant Dismantled

Recently the Board had decided to dismantle the egg-drying equipment at the Edmonton plant, which had been used during the war years, but had been dormant for four years. The original cost of the equipment was about \$40,000, but it had been completely depreciated on the books during the years it was in operation.

General Manager Reports

While the produce handled by the association in 1953 was somewhat less than in 1952, higher prices prevailed so that each department showed an operating surplus, in spite of higher operating costs, stated J. I. Wright.

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Spectacular Progress by A.P.P.

By VERA W. GILLESPIE, De Winton

TWELVE years ago Alberta Poultry Producers began operations with a quarter of a million dollars of borrowed money. Today A.P.P. has assets of over one and a half million dollars and has paid out in dividends to its members in excess of one and three-quarter millions. It is the largest and most successful poultry co-operative in Canada, and does over 40 per cent of the poultry business in Alberta.

Gratified by Results

A closed session of the delegates to the annual meeting took the financial and operating statements to pieces on Thursday morning, March 4th.



J. I. WRIGHT, General Manager A.P.P., (above), reported to annual meeting on details of operations.

When it was all over, all were satisfied and not one resolution dealt with the operation of the association.

Roy Marler, president of the A.F.A., addressed the gathering briefly, saying all co-operatives must keep in touch with the farmers to know their wishes. He reviewed the recent meeting he attended in Washington, U.S.A., and assured us that the U.S.A. farmers don't wish "dumping of surpluses" either. He did advise, however, that farmers must be realistic and produce accordingly. Mr. Marler spoke of the 20 producer marketing boards in Ontario, similar producer boards in all provinces except Alberta and Newfoundland. Fluid milk in Alberta has been marketed for 20 years with an agreement between the producers and the handlers, very successfully.

Minister Commends Directors

J. Oberholtzer, Deputy Minister, commended the directors of the A.P.P. for a fine year's achievement in a difficult year. He pointed to the various trends prevalent today. Alberta is no longer predominately rural. Now 50 per cent of the population is urban.

Mr. Oberholtzer continued: "The prices the farmers get for their produce are a direct result of the co-operatives at work, as the co-op acts as a steadying influence." He named as an example the trade trying to force the price of eggs down and the co-op holding steady and reducing the fall in prices, 2, 3, or 5 cents.

D. Webber, supervisor for co-operative activities, said he felt most inadequate in attempting to replace the late F. J. Fitzpatrick. He stressed the need of more young people in the Co-operative movement.

Hon. Mr. Halmrast, Minister of Agriculture, spoke at the banquet. He told of the fine work being done by R. Pelletier in Edmonton for children who are given Shetland ponies to care for. He spoke also of the law of supply and demand, and said there was a natural law and a speculative one, and that we must translate our price on the natural law.

At the banquet, R. O. German's survey of the history of co-operation, as guest speaker, was an inspiration to all present.

R.A. Muir Succeeds Louis Normandeau

The only change in the board of directors was the election of R. A. Muir, Leduc, to the vacancy caused by the resignation of Louis Normandeau. A. J. Rix, Wetaskiwin, and J. H. Rhodes, Brant, were both re-elected.

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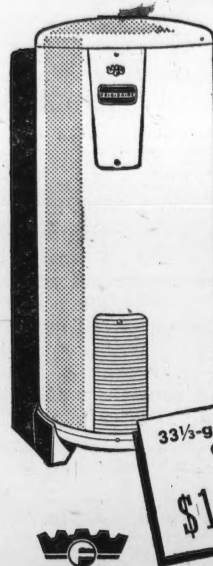
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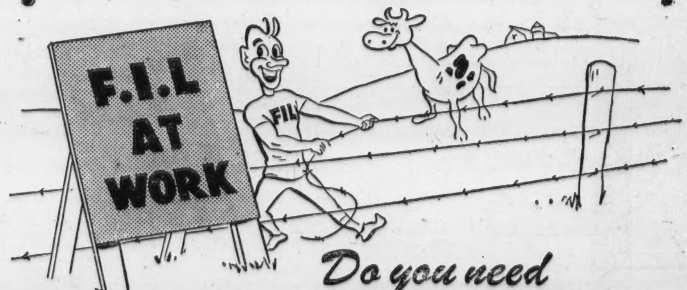
Urges Producers' Marketing Boards

The delegates voted to continue to press for the setting up of producer marketing boards in Alberta; they also approved a resolution, presented by J. K. Sutherland, calling for conservation of the forests of the Eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains.

Pasture for Spring Use

Development of a crested wheat-grass pasture for spring use is one practice suggested by J. B. Campbell of the Swift Current Experimental Station, to produce native grass pastures during the spring. Grazing on native pastures before about mid-June is said to reduce the rate of growth during June and early July, and thus the total yield.

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EPIC OF AUSTRALIA'S VANISHING OVERLANDERS

By Les BINGHAM

Canadians who are interested in the romantic history of pioneer days in our own West, as recorded in such books as Grant MacEwan's "From the Red to the Rockies," will find enjoyment in this epic story, briefly told, of the opening up to settlement of the western part of Australia, and in noting both the parallels and the widely varying circumstances of pioneering in the two sister Commonwealths. The author lives in Sydney, New South Wales.

CATTLEMEN of the Northern Territory of Australia are worried about the shortage of drovers to shift cattle. One big pastoralist said in Darwin recently that he had "raked Australia" for skilled men.

May Disappear

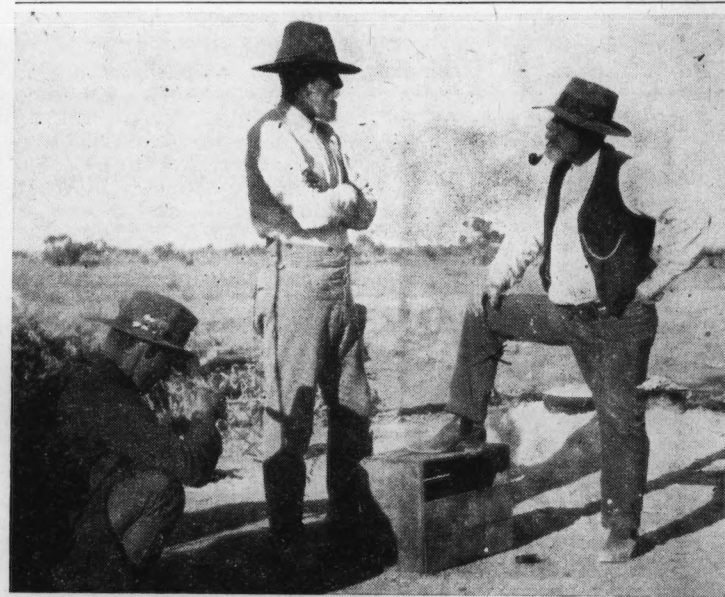
If the rot continues much longer at the present rate, that typical figure of Australia's wide, open spaces — the wiry, hard-riding, wide-hatted overlander — will soon join the table-top waggons, the camel strings, and the paddle steamers of Australia's romantic past.

Certainly the tough old-timers will be hard to replace. They rode like Cossacks, could flip a cigarette out of a man's mouth with a stock whip, and lived for weeks on damper, bully beef, and tea so hot that it scalded the linings of their stomachs.

A Backward Glance

In 1838, Joseph Hawdon and Charles Bonney, with a party of seven drovers, took a mob of 300 cattle overland from Port Phillip (Melbourne) to Adelaide.

In the bush about Noarlunga, they met a party of kangaroo hunters endeavoring to relieve a meat shortage in Adelaide. This meat shortage probably accounts for the fact that 90 colonists attended a public dinner



An old-time overlander talks over values with a buyer. This photograph was taken over forty years ago.

to welcome Hawdon and his party to Adelaide. An ox from the overland herd was roasted whole for the dinner.

fell sick at Pine Creek and boarded a boat at Darwin.

Trip Took Three Years

A man named Joe Edmonds took charge of the cattle, delivering them at Fossil Downs late in 1833. The trip had taken nearly three years.

On these long trips the droving contractors usually stayed the distance, but they engaged wages men for different stages. This was only possible when the country had been opened up and the stock routes had become busy cattle highways.

The pioneers had to blaze their own tracks. For instance, in the 1880's the Duracks opened up the Ord River country of north-west Australia.

"Buried Dead by Way"

They drove 100 head from Wichello Station (ranch), Coopers Creek, to the Ord and started a new industry. One historian sums up their famous journey in these few words: "They lost in flood and drought; they buried their dead by the way."

Perhaps one of the best known of the old-time drovers was Nat Buchanan. He was a superb bushman, more explorer than cattleman, and able to push cattle through country which would have baulked any man less bush-skilled and cattle-wise.

In the 1890's, Buchanan and the Gordon brothers undertook to find a practical stock route between the Kimberley country and the booming west Australian gold fields.

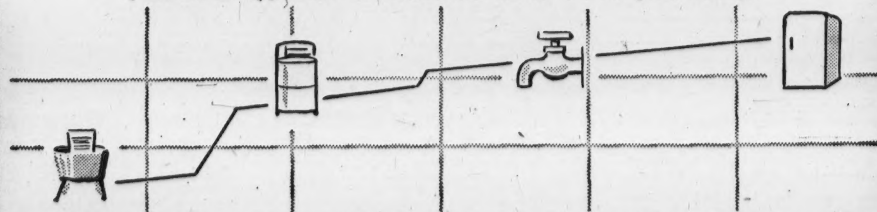
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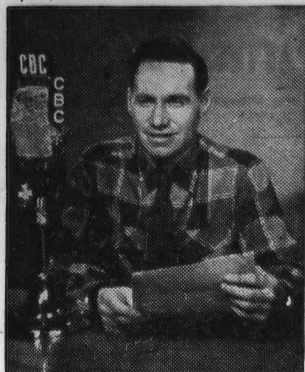
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New Farm Commentator



W. J. (Bill) Perkins, above, is the new CBC assistant farm commentator for Alberta, stationed at Edmonton. Mr. Perkins is a graduate in agriculture.

good beef cattle fetching only one and a half dollars a head. Yet to the south lay the lucrative markets of the newly opened gold fields. But between the Kimberleys and the gold fields lay 1,800 miles of inhospitable desert.

In 1892 Buchanan and the Gordon

brothers left Hall's Creek with 1,000 bullocks. They struck the Indian Ocean at La Grange Bay, after having travelled 450 miles.

Here the inland desert merged with the coastal sand dunes. For 500 miles ahead there was no surface water. Buchanan scouted ahead and found that the West Australian Government had sunk wells at 30-mile intervals during the construction of a telegraph line from Perth to Derby.

Canvas Buckets and Troughing

By using canvas buckets and canvas troughing carried by packhorse, Buchanan and his mates watered their 1,000 head of cattle through the desert.

About a month later the drovers struck the De Grey River, north of Port Hedland. Travelling inland they were just in time to save their entire mob from perishing by discovering water at the head of the Fortesque River.

Outlet at \$14 Per Head

From the Gascoyne River through to the Upper Murchison is sheep country and the overlanders found water plentiful. The owner of Birringarra Station (ranch) bought the mob for \$14 a head. The Kimberley pioneers had at last found a southern outlet for their cattle.

This route was never wholly suc-

Call Public Resources Conference in Ottawa

With the specific aim of awakening interest in soil, water, forest and wildlife resources management, the Canadian Forestry Association is calling a public resources conference to be held at Ottawa on April 22nd and 23rd.

J. L. Van Camp, general manager of the association, states that action by federal and provincial governments is urgently needed "to ensure the permanence and wise use of Canada's renewable natural wealth." Full and enlightened public leadership is required, he states, to keep our resources in continuing and profitable production.

In addition to the Forestry Association other sponsors of the conference are: the Agricultural Institute of Canada; Canadian Chamber of Commerce; Canadian Institute of Forestry; and the Engineering Institute. About one hundred other national organizations are being invited to send representatives.

The Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. Louis St. Laurent, will be the chief speaker at the conference banquet.

cessful, for an overlander had to be a Buchanan to beat the desert.

In 1908-10 a West Australian surveyor, A. W. Canning, opened up a more regular stock route from Hall's Creek to Wiluna.

The country was for the most part shifting dunes and red sand, with no surface water. Canning sank a well every twenty miles as he progressed. He found the natives particularly hostile to his invasion of their ancient totem grounds.

Tragedy on Canning Stock Route

Tragedy soon followed. Thompson and Shoosmith took the first mob of cattle along the Canning stock route. Cole and Wickham, following up with the second mob, found the bodies of Thompson and Shoosmith riddled with spears at Liberal Well, 600 miles out in the desert.

In recording these epics of the overlanders it must not be forgotten that without the sturdy stock horse the blazing of the Australian overland trails could not have been undertaken.

Many drovers still follow the old overland trails, but as the old-timers drop out few young ones take their places. Increasing use of road trains will eventually eliminate the overlanders from all except a few stock routes.

Legends Live in Ballads

When that time comes the legends of the overlanders will live on in the unpublished ballads of the cattle camps, vivid if lacking in literary quality, such as these last few lines from one from the Birdsville-Marree track in South Australia:

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Probably many of you have noticed that a great many Canadian papers have, since her death, paid her very high tribute. Papers which were very largely given over to adverse criticism when she was engaging in the work for which they praise her now, were far from encouraging, far from congratulatory when she was making those same efforts.

Where We Are Backward

And when we stop to think of it, we know that self-same course is adopted continually. Perhaps it is more especially true of those who have engaged in public work. Or perhaps I should say the general public is made more fully aware of the fact that we are so often rather backward, shall we say, in expressing our appreciation when the person for whom the sentiment is intended can realize his or her efforts were appreciated. And while people may not enjoy fulsome praise that seems to savor somewhat of the blarney stone, the greater number, I think, are not averse to proper recognition of their efforts.

Have We Paid Proper Tribute?

And there are few of us either who, as public bodies or as individuals, can plead "Not Guilty" to this sin of tardiness. For instance, have we ourselves as members of a farm women's organization in Alberta paid proper tribute to a "First" we had?

While Agnes Macphail of Ontario was the first woman who ever sat in the Federal Parliament, we in Alberta had the first woman cabinet minister in the British Empire, the Hon. Irene Parlby, who now lives in retirement at Alix. We, who followed her work or worked with her when she was the leader of our Farm Organization, know what a contribution she made with her ability, her dignity, poise and graciousness. We know that she went on to the wider sphere with the same characteristics and attributes.

And it is not only of those who are engaged in public work that we seem to be so reticent to express appreciation. In fact, sometimes we flatter ourselves that our manner generally is the reverse. But, as I said, fulsome flattery is both cheap and cheapening, but what's more heart warming than the word of commendation, the expression of genuine appreciation?

It would probably do few of us much harm if we stopped and tried to see ourselves as others may very probably see us in this respect. At least, if we do come up to the mark, we can be grateful we do sometimes at least give a bit of cheer. If we realize that we so often fall down and are too chary with the kindly word, we can turn over a new leaf, while there is still opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER.

News of Women's Locals

Mrs. Braithwaite was guest speaker at a recent meeting of Poplar Ridge F.W.U.A.

South Berry Creek F.W.U.A. (Cessford) are buying two books to aid in their study of Pakistan.

The sum of \$55 was contributed recently by Westlock F.W.U.A. to the Westlock Community Library.

A St. Patrick's Tea, at the Bon Accord Community Centre, was arranged by Willow Springs F.W.U.A.

Gleichen F.W.U.A. and F.U.A. are sponsoring Miss Ann Koefoed for the Scottish exchange visit.

Griffin Creek recently sponsored a dance in aid of the building fund, writes Mrs. C. Andersen.

With sixteen members present, New Borschiw F.W.U.A. (Haight) held its first meeting recently at the home of Mrs. Joe Ogrodnick.

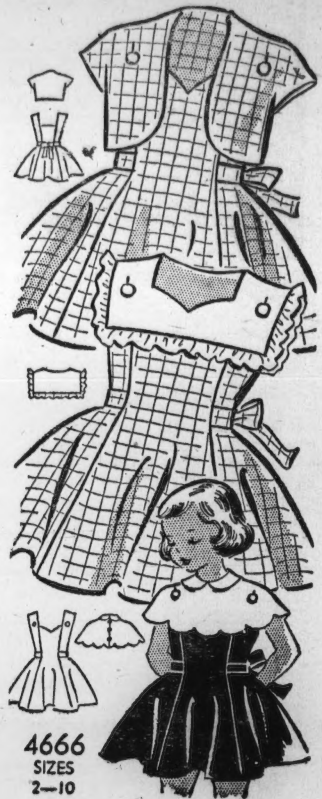
Hairy Hill F.W.U.A. recently voted \$110 to the Building Fund and \$25 to the Red Cross, writes Mrs. Harry Serbu.

A very interesting bulletin and display on horticulture was enjoyed by a recent meeting of Milo-Queenstown F.W.U.A.

On behalf of the members, Mrs. Hodgson recently made a presentation to the retiring president, Mrs. Tanner.

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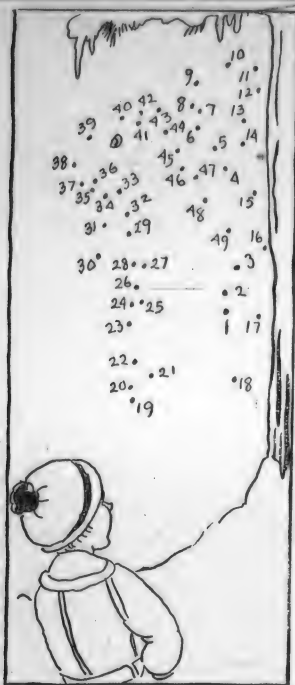


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John has discovered something high in the tree. He is trying to get him to come to him. If you would like a picture of what is in the tree, join all the numbered dots together, starting with dot number one and ending with dot number forty-nine. They are very shy people. Use your paints or crayons on this picture.

NEWS OF WOMEN'S LOCALS

(Continued from Page 10)

One team of two women and two men signed up 67 members in one day, it was reported to Champlain F.W.U.A. (Brossseau).

Mrs. Keyzanowski writes that Lornedale F.W.U.A. (Viking) are holding a card party on March 20th in aid of the building fund.

The annual meeting of Myroslaw F.W.U.A. (Inland) was attended by 27 persons, writes the secretary, Mrs. O. Topilko.

Mrs. Earl Gray, secretary of Marwayne F.W.U.A., writes that each of four groups, at a recent meeting, displayed articles prepared for the Marwayne Hobby Fair.

Fleet F.W.U.A. have contributed \$50 to the building fund. The bulletin on Pakistan was much enjoyed, reports Miss Betty Slomp.

A scrap-book on Alberta is being compiled by Standard F.W.U.A., and a travelling basket is being used to

Put 6 Million Families in Debt.

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Sickness costs put eight million U.S. families in debt each year, it was revealed in a study published recently by the Health Information Foundation.

FARM HOME & GARDEN

Celery can be grown readily in Alberta, provided moisture can be supplied. The Beaverlodge Experimental Station recommend sowing the seed after the middle of March, pricking out the last week of April or the first of May. Plants should be set outdoors about June 10th, not earlier, as shock from low temperatures may be injurious. Liberal applications of well rotted manure are highly beneficial, and copious watering between periods of heavy rainfall is essential. Blanching with boards has proved superior to mounding, though some new varieties don't require blanching; while green, they are not bitter.

Baked Fish Casserole: Crush 3 cups corn flakes and mix with 1½ cups milk; add 2 tbs. each chopped parsley, mayonnaise, lemon juice and minced onion, ¼ tsp. thyme, 1¼ tsp. salt, a dash of pepper, and 2 beaten eggs; lastly add 2 cups flaked, cooked fish. Bake in casserole in moderate oven about 45 minutes.

Green Pickle Coleslaw: Toss thoroughly together 3 cups finely shredded cabbage, 1 small onion, thinly sliced, 3 dill pickles, chopped, and ½ cup French dressing.

Cheese Pastry: For one 8-inch pie, sift together 1½ cups flour, ½ tsp. baking powder, ¼ tsp. salt; cut in 1/3 cup shortening, then add ¼ cup grated cheddar cheese and mix thoroughly; sprinkle with 2 to 4 tbs. cold water, working in lightly with fork until all particles are moistened; form into ball and roll out as usual. Perfect for apple pie.

Whole Milk Powder Topping: Sprinkle 1 cup whole milk powder over 1 cup ice cold water, and beat with rotary or electric beater until stiff; beat in 2 tbs. sugar and 1 tsp. vanilla. Chill and use for dessert toppings or for fruit whips, chiffon pie fillings, or bavarians.

Tarnish on silver is caused largely by sulphides — in foodstuffs, in rubber, and in the air. Among foods, eggs, salt, fruit juices, vinegar, milk, salad dressings, mustard, grease, are the worst offenders, if allowed to remain on silver for any length of time.

Scotch Cakes: Cream 1 cup butter, add 2 cups brown sugar and 3 cups bread flour. Roll, and bake 30 minutes in moderate oven.

Potatoes: Eaten in reasonable quantity are not fattening, states the Department of National Health and Welfare. Cooked in their skins, they are a source of important minerals.

add to the funds. \$30 was sent to the building fund.

Mrs. H. Young and Mrs. J. Deyell gave entertaining accounts of the leadership course at Ponoka to a recent meeting of Spruceville F.W.U.A. (Lacombe), writes Mrs. Boyd Crooker.

In aid of the building fund, One Tree F.W.U.A. (Brooks) have planned a bingo game, prizes to be "White elephants" from the homes of members, writes Mrs. H. Houseman.

A demonstration on copper tooling, by Mrs. Howard Hoover, was enjoyed recently by Della F.W.U.A. Mrs. Felix Battle writes that members have received their copper foil and tools and are now beginning to engage in this hobby.

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INDIANAPOLIS, U.S.—A campaign to provide self-help community centers in the Philippines with much needed equipment has been set in motion by the Credit Union National Association. Meeting here recently, CUNA's executive committee voted to co-operate with CARE on the project; the cost of \$5,500 per center will be divided into \$25 shares and affiliated credit unions will be urged to subscribe.

More Canadian manufacturers of clothing are reported to be using nylon thread for greater strength of seams. Size for size, nylon thread is said to be three times as strong as the threads formerly used, and several times as elastic.

Note for Senator McCarthy

"If the Christian crusader looks like a Saracen, talks like a Saracen, and acts like a Saracen, he might as well be a Saracen." — Carl Dreher.

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Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Mar. 17th. — Hogs sold yesterday \$33.25, sows \$22.25; good to near choice butcher steers \$16 to \$17, down to \$11 for common; good cows \$10.50 to \$11.50, down to \$9; canners and cutters \$5 to \$8.50; good stocker and feeder steers \$14.50 to \$15.50, down to \$10 for common; good to choice veal calves \$22 to \$25.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, March 15th. — Following are some of the closing quotations on this market last week: choice fed calves \$16 to \$17; choice steers \$17 to \$17.50, down to \$12 for common; choice heifers \$15.50 to \$16.50, down to \$10 for common; good cows \$10 to \$11; canners and cutters \$5.50 to \$7.50. Grade A hogs for coast shipment brought \$35.

Calgary Seed Fair Real Farm Show

By LORNE STOUT

CALGARY'S Eighth Annual Seed Fair drew hundreds of visitors to the Stampede Corral for the colorful display, and it drew entries from leading seed producers in all parts of Alberta in the many events.

Seed on Commercial Scale

Farmers and especially growers of Registered and Certified Seed give whole-hearted approval to the Calgary Seed Fair — as a farmers' show, as compared to some so-called World Championship Shows, where small samples are hand conditioned and pampered for the competition. In the Calgary Seed Fair, samples must be taken by a disinterested official, from a minimum of 15 bushels, to show the sample represents seed on a commercial scale.

So it comes as no surprise when champions from other seed competitions sometimes finish well below the winners in the classes at Calgary. In the 1954 Seed Fair, the Grand Championship for a cereal grain went to R. W. Hummell of Milk River for his winning feed barley exhibit. He won the special award over F. W. Hallworth of Taber who had the champion wheat with Reward. In the wheat event, there were some 81 exhibits. Ted Allen of Taber, took second, J. Holman of Wayne third and Andrews Brothers of Drumheller were 4th.

Hugh A. Nesbitt of Bowden won the championship for oats with a sample of Lorraine. Charles Moore of Debolt had the winning malting barley, and G. Clayton of Vulcan the winning flax.

Forage Seed Division

The championship of the forage seed division went to John Grotowski of Webster, Alberta, with his winning exhibit of Altaswede Red Clover. In the other classes, K. C. Long of Cardston had the first prize sample of Creeping Red Fescue. H. D. Terwill-

McIntyre Ranch Herefords Sweep Boards at Calgary

In addition to the grand championship (which carries with it the Sir Leonard Lord trophy and an all-expense trip to England) the McIntyre Ranching Company, Lethbridge and Cardston, won the junior championship and first prize for the best two, three and five bulls, in the Hereford classes of the Calgary Bull Sale. Other winners of first prize were Lougheed Bros., Bowden, L. W. Bond, Calgary, William Weber, Claresholm, Charles E. Jones, Balzac, and the Merry Acres Ranch (C. E. Dench), Calgary.

At the sale, in progress as we go to press, top price for the first day was \$3,750.

Milk and Cream Producers Report Successful Year

The financial statements and report of directors presented to the recent annual meeting of the United Milk and Cream Producers' Association of Calgary showed that the organization had had a very successful year. A substantial amount of business had been done through the U.F.A. Co-operative farm supplies department, stated R. F. Smith, the secretary.

The Board was instructed to further investigate setting up of an artificial insemination unit.

W. D. Miller was re-elected president; W. J. Hilton is vice-president, and directors are T. H. Laycock, Roy Anderson, Wilf Slack and Ray Wood. Mr. Smith was re-elected secretary.

The meeting was well attended, about seventy being present.

liger of Dawson Creek, B.C. won the sweet clover; T. Nicholson of Cecil Lake, B.C. the alfalfa; Edward Pierog of Belloy the alsike and Ken Anderson of Grand Prairie the brome grass. In all there were 169 exhibits in cereal grains, 82 in the forage seeds.

Junior Fair Provides Upsets

The Alberta Provincial Junior Seed Fair, held in conjunction with the Calgary Open events, had even larger classes in all but the open wheat. The juniors also provided the upsets, when a Calgary district junior farmer, Don W. Thomas of Indus won the wheat championship. There were in fact two surprises, he won with Saunders variety, which rarely if ever happened at any wheat show before, and down the list, Ronald Leonhardt of Drumheller, placed 4th. He was Wheat Champion at the Royal Winter Fair three months earlier with his Marquis wheat. Second and third places also went to Marquis, from Norman Stanger of Munson and David Calderwood of Granum.

Harlan Waddle of Vauxhall won the oats for juniors with Victory. Others in the top four were Alice Rigby of Wembley, Elsie Itterman of Warburg and James Flack of Spedden. In feed barley, Patricia Waddle of Vauxhall was the winner, followed by Harvey Beacombe of Mossleigh, Lawrence McGillivray of High River, William Cameron of Crossfield. Class four, open malting barley was won by Allen Sorenson of Berwyn, with Joyce Messner, also of Berwyn, second, Pearl Bieber of Rimby third and Rita Sorenson of Berwyn 4th. Teddy Kafton won the class 6 for Barley.

Inter-Club Events Keenly Contested
The Inter Club events were keenly contested. Results for wheat: Granum, Drumheller, Bow Valley, Carbon, Delia, Arrowwood, Hilda, Warner, Taber and Vulcan in the top ten. For oats: Mundare was the winning club, followed by West Peace, Condor, Myram; Willingdon, Lonira, Belloy, New Serepta, Warburg, and Red Deer.

In feed barley: Westmark, East Longview, Dumess, Carstairs, Eagle Hill, Beach Corner, Enilda, Pipestone, Hampton and Greenlawn. And in Malting Barley: Berwyn, Royce, Waskatenau, White Mountain, Markerville, Waugh, Erskine, Tofield, Clive and Falun.

The Wheat Situation

E. PATCHING
Alberta Wheat Pool

Up until March 3rd in the 1953-54 crop year, grain producers in Alberta had delivered 124.6 million bushels of all grains, or about 48 per cent of the total available for delivery during the present crop year. In this respect they are somewhat better off than Saskatchewan farmers, who had delivered only 41 per cent of available grain. In Manitoba deliveries had amounted to 55 per cent of available supplies.

Effect of Price Difference Delayed

Exports have been going ahead at record-breaking levels from Pacific coast terminals, but have been lagging from eastern ports. A 7 cent a bushel cut in the price of wheat moving out of Fort William-Port Arthur recently made by the Canadian Wheat Board was aimed at speeding up exports from these points. But it will not likely have much effect until navigation opens on the St. Lawrence and in the Great Lakes. Ice-breakers are now at work, but it is expected that shipping on the lakes will not commence until later than last spring's opening date of March 27th.

Shipments for a time will be slowed up because of the fact that many of the grain boats have been used to store grain during the winters months. They will have to await space in eastern terminals that are now filled before disposing of their cargoes and moving up the lakes to Fort William-Port Arthur.

Wheat Exports Down by Quarter

So far this crop year, exports of wheat and flour from Canada have amounted to 153.6 million bushels, about one-quarter less than in the same period a year ago. Oat shipments, totalling 50 million bushels, are up one-third from last year, while barley shipments of 61 million bushels are down 12 per cent.

In the United States prospects for the 1954 winter wheat crop are not too bright at the present time. Drought persists over widespread areas in the south. Severe dust storms have been experienced and the whole area is badly in need of rain. In a big part of the winter wheat belt subsoil moisture reserves are fair, but surface moisture is lacking. It should be remembered, however, that winter wheat is a sturdy plant and can withstand a good deal of adverse weather. It is far too early to predict the coming crop.

EGG AND POULTRY MARKET

Calgary, March 16th. — Egg prices, to producers, are 32 for A large, 30 for A medium and 27 for A small; B's are 28 and C's 22. Dressed chicken under 4 lbs. are 32 for Grade A, 28 for B and 20 for C. Dressed fowl 5 lbs. and over, 31 down to 18.

THE DAIRY MARKET

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WORLD CHRONICLE

March 4th. — British Commons told powerful force of atom bombers built for R.A.F. Industrial and union leaders say Canadian textile industry facing slump — 17 of 729 mills closed, most of others on short time. Ottawa announces western grain elevators handled record 844 million bushels in 1952-53 season. De Valera calls general election.

March 5th. — Argentina will provide strong competition in world grain trade, says Canadian official in Buenos Aires. Molotov charges U.S., Britain, scheme for world domination, through NATO and European Army treaty. New York police find cache of arms, "apparently related to Cuba." St. Laurent visits Indonesia. CPR appeals decision of transport commissioners, against new freight rate system.

March 6th. — Adlai Stevenson charges in Florida speech that Republican party is "half McCarthy, half Eisenhower", and has embarked on program leading to "malign and fatal totalitarianism." Mau Mau "General" Tanganyika surrenders, announced in Kenya.

March 7th. — Washington states U.S. bases in Arctic may get atomic power plants to provide electricity. Puerto Rican government arrests local Communist leaders. Moscow Dynamos defeat Canadian hockey team at Stockholm, winning world championship.

March 8th. — In Seoul, St. Laurent reported to have repeated statement made in Manila that "some day" world would have to recognize present government of China is government people want. U.S. signs mutual defence treaty with Japan. Republicans give Vice-President Nixon job of answering Stevenson; McCarthy says no one can answer for him, demands free time from radio and television networks. Naguib restored to previous position as premier and chairman of ruling council, as well as president of Egypt. Ottawa reports negotiations under way for sale of Canadian grain to Japan. Canadian Commons told Federal civil servants considered bad security risks may be dismissed without learning reason.

March 9th. — Royal Navy will be second to none in modern equipment, declares first lord of admiralty Thomas; year's estimates call for spending of over \$988 millions on navy. Washington announces four new atomic "furnaces" to be built, as steps to producing industrial power from atom. Two major U.S. networks refuse McCarthy free time to answer Stevenson.

March 10th. — Eisenhower approves decision radio networks. In Ottawa, Pearson says St. Laurent has stated Canada is not considering immediate

POULTRY POOL (Continued from Page 6)

general manager, in his annual report. Not An "Incentive Price"

The price support program, effective throughout 1953, was scheduled to continue in 1954, but it was at a level "which would indicate that the support price is not intended as an incentive price but rather as a 'stop-loss'". European markets had been closed, due to currency restrictions, but large shipments of grade B eggs had gone from Western Canada to Mexico in the early summer.

Turkey prices were considerably higher in 1953 than in 1952. Growing demand for eviscerated birds made it imperative that, to compete with American turkeys, Canadian producers must find means to finish their birds earlier in the year, to allow time for evisceration and distribution to the consuming public. Failing this, birds marketed in November and December may have to be sold at a discount. The price spread between heavy and light-weight turkeys continued, as the demand was for turkeys of 18 pounds or less.

Market 6½ Million Eggs

During 1953 the Association marketed for members 6,630,088 dozens of eggs. Some 12,000 cases of eggs had been stored under the price support program. However, said Mr. Wright, "You will be interested to learn that, since the price support program started, our association has been able to sell all its storage eggs without assistance from the Price Support Board".

Strongest demand, said Mr. Wright, is still for an A grade product, and "producers can expect an increase in the spread between the prices of A and B grade eggs in order to encourage better quality production".

Due to the lower production of turkeys, 3,201,171 lbs. of turkeys had been handled as compared with 4,230,087 during 1952. The eviscerating plant at South Edmonton had processed 485,918 lbs. of poultry—frying chicken, fowl, roasting chicken, turkeys and geese. The general public, said Mr. Wright, demands a high quality product, and the "high percentage of B grade chicken marketed in Alberta constitutes a challenge to all concerned".

96% on Rail Grade Basis

Approximately 96 per cent of the chicken and fowl were handled on a rail-grade basis.

The hatchery department had supplied members with 1,416,350 chicks and poults, a decrease of over 77,000. The combined capacity of all the Association's hatcheries was over two million chicks during the season.

recognition of government of China.

March 11th. — Churchill is being urged by his wife and doctors to retire, reported from London. In Kenya, British army captain sentenced to dismissal from army and five years' imprisonment for cruelty to African prisoners. U.S. army report states McCarthy's chief counsel Cohn repeatedly threatened to wreck army unless preferential treatment accorded draftee Schine. (Cohn and Schine made comic opera trip to Europe in search of Communists, as McCarthy aides). In official statement in Tokyo, St. Laurent says we must deal with government "in effective control" Chinese mainland.

March 12th. — McCarthy accuses U.S. Army Secretary Stevens of having tried to make a deal to supply "plenty of dirt" about other armed services if McCarthy would leave army alone. Royal Navy will carry out germ warfare defence tests in Bahamas, Admiralty announces.

March 13th. — At Geneva conference, U.S. delegates support British plan for encouraging East-West trade. St. Laurent leaves Tokyo by air on return journey to Canada. Nixon in radio address declares reckless talk



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and unfair tactics in congressional committees divert attention from Eisenhower's legislative program; Stevenson says Nixon has backed up his statements. McCarthy says he's tired of "yak-yaking" about his investigational methods; declares won't treat "traitors" like gentlemen.

March 14th. — Washington reports showdown committee hearing planned, with McCarthy and army leaders to testify under oath, on charges and counter-charges.

March 15th. — Pearson in Washington address refers to Dulles' statement that U.S. would strike "instantly, and at places of our own choosing"; says Canada is entitled to "appropriate share" in decisions which affect us. Einstein declares intellectuals have duty to uphold "constitutional rights of individual." Heavy fighting reported in northwest Indo-China. UN states unemployment higher in Chile, Denmark, Finland, Italy, Japan.

March 16th. — Understanding reached in handling of food surpluses by U.S.—Canadian conference in Washington, stated in news despatch. Moscow radio announces supreme Soviet endorsed in Sunday's election. Nehru warns Portugal to give up colony of Goa, on India's mainland. Toronto group sponsors address by McCarthy, in April.

March 17th. — French estimate 12,000 casualties inflicted on Viet Nam, in northwest Indo-China; state own losses "appreciable."



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Council Elect Officers

At the annual meeting of the Interprovincial Farm Union Council, in Saskatoon recently, J. L. Phelps was re-elected chairman; Henry G. Young and Jake Shulz were named first and second vice-chairmen.

REGINA—Assets of over \$9.6 millions are now held by the Saskatchewan Co-operative Credit Society, it was reported to the recent annual meeting. Affiliations include 237 credit unions and 285 associations.

MUSTARD AND CRESS

By SYDNEY MAY

Hello Folks:

We see by the advertisements in "Life" magazine that Vodka "leaves you breathless." Personally we want to keep on breathing as long as we can.

EVEN THE WORMS WILL TURN

In Worms, Germany, where they are naming streets after worthy citizens the suggestion "Taxpayer's Street" is being considered. We presume it will be paved in gold!

Radiogram from Nan of Nanton suggests that the reason money is sometimes referred to as the traveller that never returns is because although it has cents it has no sense.

And nowadays Nan, it doesn't even stop to say Good Will.

We understand that all pigs in Eire now have to be white as the government considers that white pigs make better bacon than the black and white

variety. Seems kinda tough when they now draw the color line even in the hog pen.

News item from a small Arkansas town reports that when two men by the name of Black, father and son, were hired to remove the bell from the belfry of the oldest church, after a week's work the bell remained aloft. Then along came Mr. White who removed the bell in one day. This, of course, just goes to prove that "Two Blacks don't make a White."

Fern of Fernie postcards to say that the Brazilians must be NUTS to expect such high prices for their coffee.

Maybe, Fern, but we'll bet they think these prices are the BERRIES.

And, in any case, with so much instant coffee being used we can see no GROUNDS for higher prices.

However, when prices drop again we can expect to hear our Brazilian friends lamenting: "Of all the sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest of these might have BEAN."

TIME FOR A CHANGE

Furthermore, having regard to today's prices we presume the panhandlers will now have to change their time honoured pleas from "Brother can you spare a dime for a cuppa cawfee," to "Brother can you spare a dime for a cuppa tea."

And speaking of panhandlers, what puzzles us is why they station themselves outside the liquor store and beer parlors to ask for coffee.

MEDITATIONS

It is hard to believe that the gentle injunction: "Suffer little children to come unto me for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven" could apply to some of our modern breed of brats.

The line of beauty which moulds woman's breast is stronger than that which holds in shape the rock.

Many people believe that happiness is a relative thing and that a little child getting a rag doll or a tin toy for a present is just as happy as the woman who is presented with a mink coat or the man who receives a new Cadillac, but in none of these can there be happiness; there is only a bovine satisfaction such as even a cow may feel when she gets to a hay-stack. True happiness is a divine ecstasy which the soul can experience only after much search and suffering, in unselfish service rendered and honest duty nobly performed.

— Volodimir Barabash.

SAVOIR FAIRE

It was a weary meeting
On how to paint the hall,
For spring's revealing accent
Exposed its weathered wall.

At last to Felix Johnston
We did allot the task.
To make it more attractive
Was what we sought to ask.

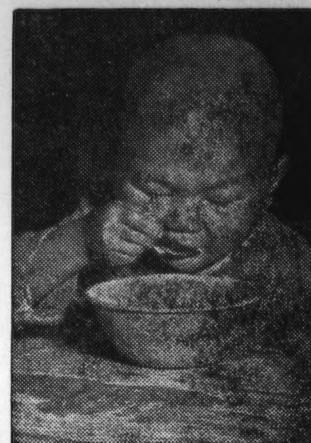
Alas, our Mr. Johnston
Became untimely ill
And chose his brother William
His able shoes to fill.

"How now!" said wily Willie,
"They argued o'er the hue,
I'll choose, and ward off snip-snap."

He did! It's sapphire blue.

— Mariam Edmunds.

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ISN'T IT THE TRUTH

Chuck of Chuckawalla opines that to attain our aspirations requires a little inspiration but a lot of perspiration.

According to Mary of Carbon, if misery loves company then in this sad old world it will never be lonely.

OTTAWA WAKES UP

We see where the debate in the house of commons got all wound up. We are not surprised now that there's a Winch in the house.

NATURE: THE ARTIST

Such hints as untaught Nature yields!—

The calm disorder of the sea,
The straggling splendor of the fields,

The wind's gay incivility.
O workman with your conscious plan,

Compass and square are little worth;

Copy (nay, only poets can)
The artless masonry of earth.

Go watch the windy spring's carouse,
And mark the winter wonders grow,—

The graceful gracelessness of boughs,
The careless carpentry of snow!

— Frederick Lawrence Knowles.

EXPLAIN PLEASE, WALLY

Wally our incurable bach, says the reason he remains single is because he has so many married friends.

CARRY ON, BOYS!

"Could I keep working?"

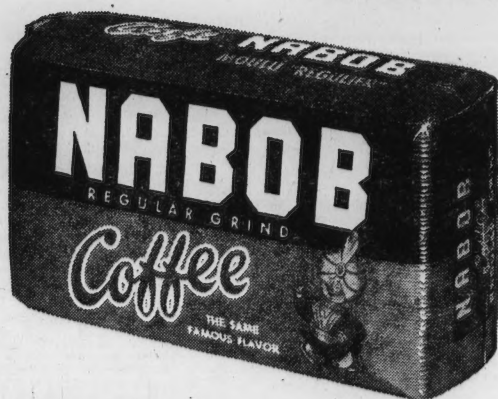
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